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English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

Eighth Annual Meeting.

St. John's Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

June 15-20, A. D., 1898.

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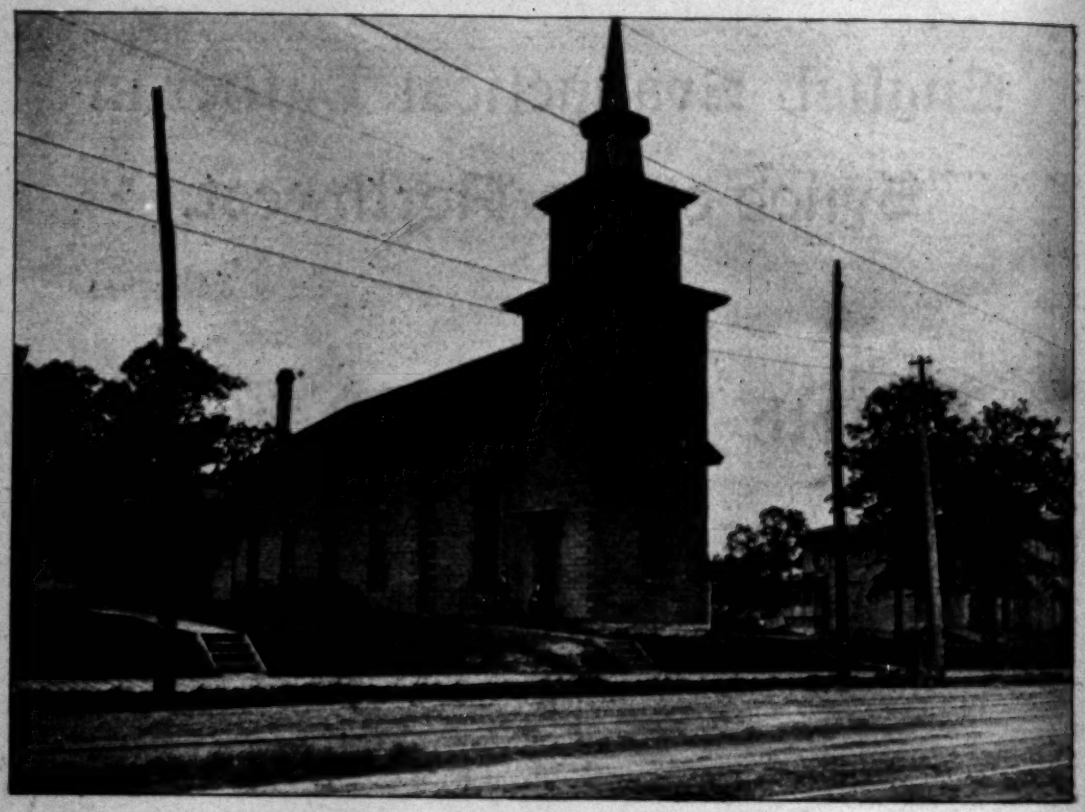
St. John's Lutheran Church,

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

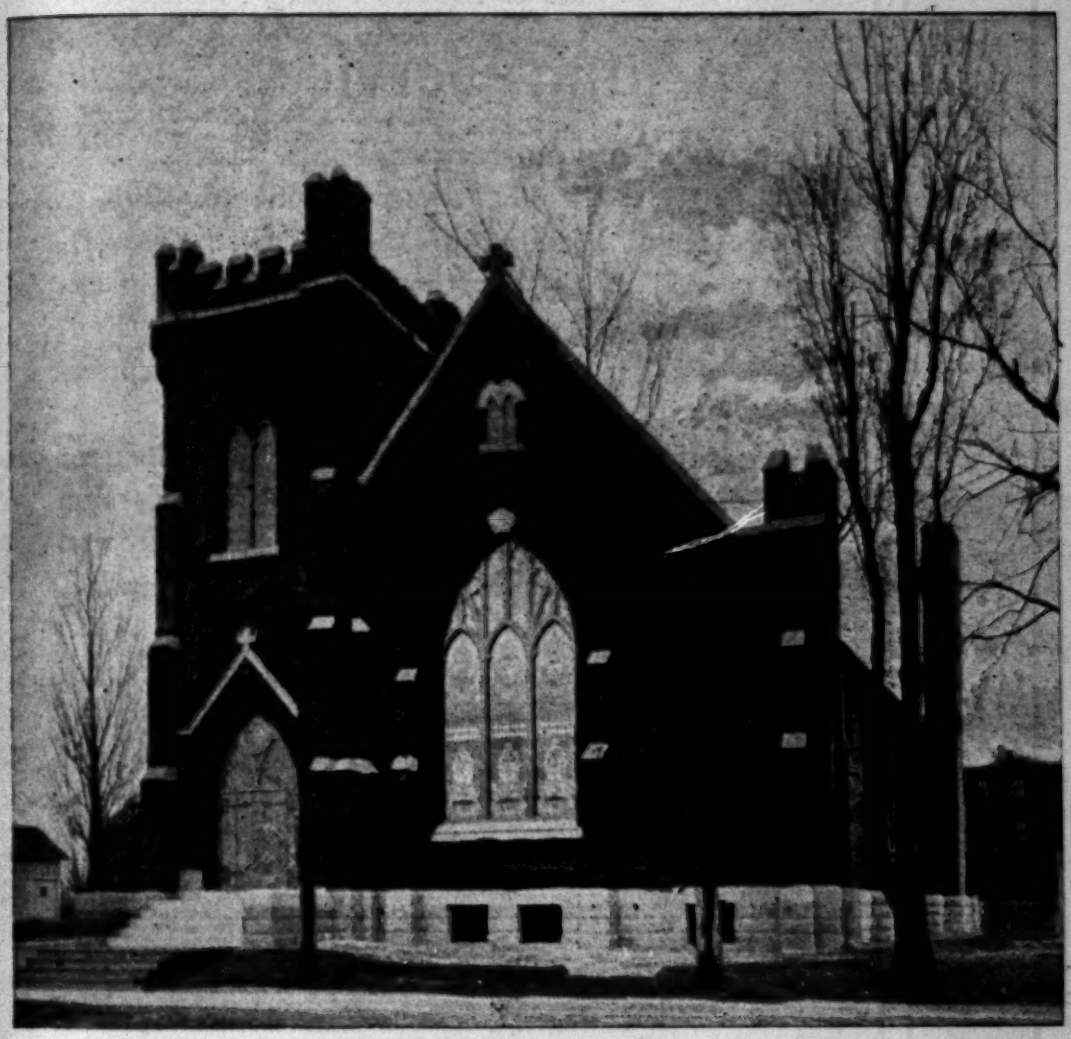


OLD BUILDING.

St. John's is the first English Lutheran congregation in the Northwest. It was organized June, 1883, by Rev. G. H. Trabert, who was sent by the English Home Mission Committee and served as pastor until July, 1892; Rev. A. Steimle, acting pastor during the interim; Rev. E. F. Krauss, January, 1893, to November, 1894; and Rev. Prof. E. G. Lund, acting pastor, November, 1894, to April, 1896; and Rev. Alfred Ramsey, from April, 1896, complete the list of his successors. From the date of organization to February, 1898, the congregation worshipped in the frame church, corner 5th St. and 8th Ave. S., shown in above cut.

St. John's Lutheran Church,

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.



NEW CHAPEL.

On Feb. 20, 1898, the building shown above was dedicated. It is of brick with red sandstone trimmings, 40 x 80 in extreme dimensions, early English in architecture. It's interior is churchly in arrangement, with noticeably large chancel and complete chancel equipment. An excellent two manual pipe organ fills an arched recess 8 x 10 at one side, a marble font the corresponding recess on the opposite side. A lecture room, 13 x 26, with drop glass partitions, and gallery above, cross the street end of the building. The interior woodwork, including the open trusses in the ceiling, is of oak. The windows are rich in coloring and of pleasing design. It is a credit to the English Lutheran Church.

MINUTES.

Opening Service.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,
WEDNESDAY, June 15, 1898.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the "English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest" was held in St. John's English Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., Rev. Alfred Ramsey, Pastor, commencing at 8 P. M., Wednesday, June 15, 1898.

The opening services were conducted by the President and Secretary, consisting of the Order for Public Confession and the Morning Service. The Synodical Sermon was preached by the President, Rev. W. K. Frick, of Milwaukee, Wis., on I Cor. xi: 28.

The Holy Communion was administered to the members of Synod.

At the conclusion of the service, the President announced the Committee on Credentials, consisting of Rev. J. F. Beates, Rev. Frank E. Jensen and Mr. H. O. H. Munson.

First Session.

THURSDAY, June 16, 9:30 A. M.

The first Business Session was opened with the Matin Service, conducted by the officers of Synod, the President concluding with the Order for the Opening of Synods.

The Roll was called by Parishes. On the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS,

and the subsequent reception of two Pastors, the Ordination of three candidates for the Ministry and the restoration of two congregations, the roll was finally completed. It shows

an attendance of 14 Pastors and 10 Lay Delegates, representing 11 of the 14 Parishes entitled to representation.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

Pastors.	Ordained.	Entered Synod.	Parishes.	Lay Delegates.
1. G. H. Trabert, D. D. *r.*	1870	1898	Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.	C. A. Smith.
2. W. K. Frick.	1873	1891	Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.	H. R. Clough.
3. J. F. Ohl, Mus. D.	1874	1894	[Rector of Milwaukee Hospital and Deaconess Motherhouse.]	
4. S. W. Kuhns.	1875	1895	St. John's, Duluth, Minn.	H. O. H. Munson.
5. J. F. Beates.	1884	1894	Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash.	
6. A. J. D. Haupt.	1884	1891	Memorial, St. Paul, Minn.	John E. Johnson.
7. Alfred Ramsey.	1885	1896	St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn.	J. A. Bohn.
8. W. H. Zuber.	1887	1895	Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.	S. I. Garlough.
9. A. C. Sweinsberg, *a. e.*	1888	1896	Holy Trinity (Woman's Memorial,) Salt Lake City.	
10. H. K Gebhart.	1889	1895	St. Mark's, Fargo, N. Dak.	C. A. Sneider.
11. R. L. Leatherman, *a. e.*	1891	1891	No Charge.	
12. L. Grey, *a. e.*	1893	1897	Zion, The Dalles, Ore.	
13. A. C. Anda, *a. e.*	1894	1894	St. John's, Tacoma, Wash.	
14. J. A. Leas.	1894	1896	St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn.	J. F. Swanson.
15. Frank E. Jensen.	1897	1897	St. James, St. Paul, Minn.	Peter Otto.
16. M. E. Boulton, *o.*	1898	1898	St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn.	E. H. Boxrud.
17. E. A. Trabert, *o.*	1898	1898	La Crosse, Wis.	
18. W. F. Holl, *o.*	1898	1898	Sherman County, Ore.	
19.			St. Mark's, North St. Paul, Minn.	

a., absent; *e.*, excused; *r.*, received at this Meeting; *o.*, ordained at this Meeting.

The hours of the Business Sessions were decided to be from 9 to 11:45 A. M., and 2 to 5 P. M.

The Program as prepared by the Executive Committee, was read and adopted for this convention.

The President read his annual report as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Beloved Brethren of the English Synod of the Northwest:

We meet in a historic congregation. St. John's, Minneapolis, named for St. John's, Philadelphia, the oldest English Lutheran congregation in the world, is the pioneer English church of our faith in the Northwest. Gathered in 1883 by Rev. Dr. Trabert, housed, until recently, in the old frame church at 8th Ave. S. and 5th St., and transferred in 1895 from the (Swedish) Augustana Synod to this Synod, St. John's welcomes Synod as heartily to its new house of worship as, in 1888, it welcomed the General Council to its old home.

How strangely the current of men's thoughts has been changed since our last Annual Meeting. The cry of

"GOLD"

raised in Alaska, first threw the whole land into a ferment of excitement, and, while it threatened to lure our people into materialism, affecting both for good and ill, the cities of Washington, that cry has been drowned in the harsher cry of

"WAR."

Our beloved land, as the natural protector of the oppressed nations of the Western Hemisphere, has undertaken to rescue Cuba from the cruel toils of most Catholic and most bloody Spain. Some of our own youths have enlisted in this crusade for humanity and for Christian civilization. For them and for all who are subject, not alone to the physical perils of the climate and the battle field, but much more to the spiritual perils incident to camps and ships, we pray that our Heavenly Father may deal graciously with them. May our people remember soldier and sailor in their prayers, in helpful letters and constant supplies of

Christian literature, and in such ministries of love as their situation admits.

And may the God of our fathers, who gave us a Washington in '76 and a Lincoln in '61, grant wisdom to our rulers, courage to our warriors, an exalted sense of our national mission, and a speedy and honorable issue of the war thrust on us.

During the continuance of the strife, we should see to it, that the war bulletins do not crowd out the Scripture from the home or the Gospel from the pulpit, and after the strife has ended, that the most vigorous efforts be made to counteract the spiritual depression which always follows a period of great excitement, large expenditure of money, and the hero worship incident to martial times.

The past synodical year witnessed three

CHURCH DEDICATIONS.

St. Paul's, Red Wing, became straightened for room, and an addition, 25 x 36 feet, with a chancel recess of eight feet, was made, and the ceiling of the old building raised several feet. On Nov. 28, 1897, I dedicated the church, the brethren Zuber and Ramsey preaching in the evening. The improvements cost about $1,500.

Feb. 20, 1898, the new St. John's, at 17th St. and Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, was dedicated by the pastor, Rev. A. Ramsey, the President of the Synod preaching the sermon. Writes Rev. Prof. E. G. Lund: "The new building is early English in style, with an abbey tower. The front is of red brick and Lake Superior red sandstone. Main floor, lecture room and gallery provide 425 sittings. The chancel is polygonal, 21 feet wide and deep. An arched recess to the right of the chancel holds an excellent pipe organ, and a corresponding recess to the left, with its marble font, constitutes the baptistry. The windows, of opalescent and Meridian glass, are models of beauty, the

large one in front and the rose window over the altar being particularly rich and attractive. All in all, the new chapel is a complete and churchly structure, a credit to English Lutheranism in this metropolis of the Northwest."

Cost $7,000. A week of evening services followed the dedication.

ZION CHURCH, AT THE DALLES,

Oregon, Rev. L. Grey, pastor, was dedicated April 17, 1898, by Rev. M. L. Zweizig, of Portland, Oregon, acting under appointment by me. Rev. J. F. Beates, preached the sermon. Bro. Zweizig writes: "The edifice (56 x 34 feet, with a steeple) is a mixed Gothic and Romanesque structure throughout. It cost about $4,000, and will comfortably seat 200 persons. It is a monument to the self-sacrificing energy of the pastor and people."

The installation of the pastor followed next day, Rev. A. C. Anda, of Tacoma, and Rev. J. A. Edlund, of Astoria, also took part in the services.

On May 22, 1898, the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, was reopened after the expenditure of over $400 in frescoing and freshening up the interior, and adorning the chancel with reredos and altar vestments.

FOUR NEW PASTORS

will be added to our roll this year. Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., the "Pioneer English Missionary of the Northwest," returned to this field Dec. 1, 1897, as pastor of Salem. Bro. Ramsey performed the act of installation, Sunday, Dec. 19. We welcome Dr. Trabert most heartily.

The other three new pastors to be made such at this meeting, Messrs. Boulton, Holl, and E. A. Trabert, all graduates of the Chicago Theological Seminary, take up new work in the Synod. Mr. Boulton has returned to St. Luke's, Goodhue; Mr. Holl goes to Sherman Co., Oregon,

near The Dalles; and Mr. E. A. Trabert is laboring at La Crosse.

Rev. Messrs. Beates and Grey have canvassed Sherman County and obtained signatures, ensuring a modest support for a single man. May other counties, in Oregon, and in other Northwestern states, be induced to make room for yet other men. The signers of this subscription paper are Germans and Scandinavians, with many intermarriages between the nationalities.

SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

By the generosity of two laymen among us, your Executive Committee was enabled to occupy the second and the fourth city in Wisconsin. Student C. K. Lippard held his first service in Racine, a city of nearly 30,000 souls, in the Y. M. C. A. parlors, on Sunday morning, May 29. Good audiences and a Sunday-school of 38 encourage his heart and ours. Mr. Trabert's first services, (morning and evening) in Lienlokken's Hall, La Crosse, on Whitsunday, June 5, proved that there, too, the field is ripe. La Crosse has 35,000 souls, and is midway between Milwaukee and the Twin Cities.

We have now entered upon a new chapter in our synodical history. It will be necessary for us to establish some rules and to make some arrangements with reference to these and future missions. I suggest a few:

1. That the missionaries be under the pastoral oversight of the President, and be encouraged to communicate freely and frequently with him.

2. That the Executive Committee, as the proper Missionary Committee of the Synod, be authorized to create sub-committees, or to make use of the Conferences in the management and supply of mission points.

3. That quarterly reports, similar to those of the General Council missionaries, be required of our missionaries.

4. That the books of worship of the General Council and its Sunday-school literature be used in all our missions.

5. And that both the constitutions adopted and all subsequent amendments and alterations be promptly reported to Synod.

Our synodical strength will be further augmented by the restoration of

MEMORIAL CHURCH, ST. PAUL,

which, with its pastor, has rested under suspension since 1893 for having received into fellowship a man excommunicated by the First Swedish Lutheran Church of St. Paul. A communication from the Church Council of Memorial Church sets forth that said brother has been fully reinstated in his own proper church, and granted a letter of honorable dismissal, and that on the basis of said letter, he has been formally received into communion with Memorial Church. In view of this the removal of the suspension is asked for.

This request Synod will joyfully honor, having ever had in view only the establishment of the principle that the official acts of sister churches are to be accorded due respect.

OFFICIAL VISITS

could be made in but few cases. Besides the two churches whose dedications I attended, I was able to visit but two other churches: St. Luke's, Goodhue, and St. John's, Duluth, (Feb. 22). This is unfortunate, but, perhaps, unavoidable. In some measure it is atoned for by an extensive correspondence with the pastors; but, though this brings information to the President, and enables him to exercise a measure of oversight among the clergy, it does not quicken that consciousness of connection with the Synod which needs to be quickened in all parts of our body. As a rule our people do not realize their position. They know something of the "foreign" Synods with which they or their parents may have been connected, and of movements

in those bodies, for which they are not at present responsible, while they are often profoundly ignorant, and consequently profoundly indifferent, about matters connected with their own Synod, and movements concerning which they are directly responsible. They understand and love their local church and local pastor. But they do not look long and earnestly enough at their sister synodical churches in the neighboring city or state, or realize their relation to the great loss of English and General Council Lutherans. This acts injuriously on our general work and cripples our energies as a Synod.

One remedy for this state of affairs, is for pastors and lay delegates, on their return from an annual meeting, to make full statements of the Synod's doings. Another is for the pastors to cull from the "Budget" material of interest and to bring this and all matters pertaining to our synodical territory, as it appears in our church press, to the attention of the Luther League and other societies in the congregation. In a word, while we labor diligently, in and for our parishes, let us not allow our people to forget the larger units—the Synod and the Council, and the great works of education, missions (foreign, home, synodical, local) and mercy.

Objections may often be made that we "cannot afford to send so much money out of the parish" as is implied in the collections asked of us. This objection is not always made by stingy people, but it always betrays a lack of knowledge and of faith. A blessing comes in at the same door at which our contributions issue forth. And it is essential to the life of our churches and to their future usefulness as fosterers of other churches on this missionary territory, that we should begin early and keep on steadily cultivating the outward as well as the inward look.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE

has this year been unusually heavy, as never before have

so many weighty and delicate questions called for careful and extended treatment. But, by the good hand of our God upon us, many perils have been averted and many new movements have been begun.

THE HOME MISSION BOARD

of the General Council will soon be in a position to reduce considerably the six months arrearages in the salary of its missionaries. And I am encouraged to hope that the

MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT,

Rev. J. E. Whitteker, will, in the fall, visit the Council Missions. There is a cry from one end of our territory to the other for such visitation. It is needed not alone for council and admonition, but also for the information of the Board and its agent, and for the cheering of the missions and their pastors. The lack of all this has wrought harm in the past and has hindered the proper development of our field. Meanwhile

INFORMATION

concerning our work and wants has been spread through the church by the generous editors of *The Lutheran,* who have given place to the renewed "Notes from the Northwest," by Dr. Trabert, "W. K. F.'s Milwaukee Notes," and occasional correspondence from Seattle, and other points. *The Lutheran* has spoken brave and helpful words editorially concerning this "Benjamin of General Council Synods."

THE STATE OF OUR CHURCHES

is highly encouraging. There is progress in nearly every church. The churches that have been built, enlarged or beautified have felt the quickening influence of the improvements. St. Paul's, Red Wing, surprises us by its rapid

growth; St. James, St. Paul, has leaped in a year from eleven to forty-six communicants, and astonished itself by paying its rent and the pastor's salary with comparatively small outside aid. St. John's, Duluth, never had a brighter outlook. The only worry here is some outstanding parsonage tax, and, in Fargo, an unjust retroactive tax running back to 1890, concerning which the decision of the courts has been invoked. Nevertheless this year at Fargo—the year following the synodical meeting—has been a year of steady growth. Trinity, St. Paul, is slowly reducing its liabilities, and Holy Trinity, Seattle, has, through the heroic efforts and sacrifice of its pastor, made the first payment on the principal of its mortgage.

The churches at Milwaukee, Duluth, Seattle and Portland, are engaged, through the so-called "bond plan," in paying off the principal of their heavy obligations, with the generous aid of a constant western friend of western missions, and of the eastern brethren who have been moved to invest in our bonds. In getting this "plan" into action our Brother Bohn has journeyed from here to Portland, and again on two occasions from here to Philadelphia.

The last word from The Dalles is, confirmed, 15; received, 2. At Salt Lake City there is a brightening up of things. It is plain, that, while the "foreign" work may fluctuate and languish, permanent good is to be hoped for only through our English church. That is the work that is going to tell in the long future. Bro. Sweinsberg is enabled also to co-operate in union Lutheran meetings in the Utah cities. Bro. Anda is doing a noble work at The Smelter, seven miles out from Tacoma. He and Bro. Beates unite in holding monthly public conferences on living church topics with their people. Salem, Minneapolis, has entered on a new lease of usefulness. There is, in general, no relaxing of effort on the part of the pastors, nor any signs of exhaustion in our material. On the con-

trary, doors are opening on every side and in every state in which we have churches.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

At The Dalles dedication there was a gathering of western clergy, and a constitution for a Western Conference was prepared to be submitted to Synod by Rev. J. F. Beates, chairman of the preliminary convention.

THE GREETINGS

of this body were sent to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, on the occasion of its Sesqui-Centennial celebration in Philadelphia two weeks ago. This Mother Synod has ever furnished the bulk of the funds by which the missions within our bounds have been sustained.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE.

It is proposed to discontinue our Synodical Luther League. Let it not be forgotten, that, nevertheless, the Luther Leagues of our church are primarily part of the local churches, and thereby of our own Synod; and that; if they are to be of any value, they must ever look more intensely and interestedly on the congregational and synodical work and field than on any local, district, state or national League.

The interesting record of the past year might be continued at greater length. Enough has been given to fill our hearts with gratitude and courage.

W. K. FRICK.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

C. A. SMITH, Treasurer,

In account with THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

June 23, 1897, to June 15, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis	$102.97
St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn	72.37
Salem, Minneapolis, Minn	67.01
St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn	123.98
St. Mark's, Fargo, N. Dak	59.06
Church of the Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash	33.11
St. John's, Tacoma, Wash	30.00
Church of Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah	20.05
Trinity, St. Paul, Minn	18.08
St. John's, Duluth, Minn	44.69
St, James, St. Paul, Minn	10.00
St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn	10.00
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses	24.72
Balance last Report	38.25
	$654.29

DISBURSEMENTS.

Synodical, General Expenses	$86.84
President's Traveling Expenses	10.50
Chicago Theological Seminary	59.30
General Council Home Missions	162.38
General Council Foreign Missions	74.87
General Council Church Extension	119.86
Orphans' Home, Vasa and Minneapolis	24.67
Trinity Congregation, St. Paul, Minn	6.20
American Bible Society	3.50
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses	24.72
Cash Balance	81.45
	$654.29

Detailed Statement for Synodical Year 1897-1898.

RECEIPTS.

Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.:		
Synodical Treasury	$16.11	
General Council Home Mission	24.00	
General Council Foreign Mission	30.00	
Church Extension	30.70	
Orphans' Home, Vasa, Minn	2.16	
		$102.97
St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn.:		
General Council Home Missions	$59.03	
Orphans' Home, Vasa, Minn	13.34	
		$72.37
Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.:		
Synodical Treasury	$25.50	
Chicago Seminary	10.00	
General Council Foreign Missions	10.62	
Church Extension	20.89	
		$67.01
St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn.:		
Synodical Treasury	$18.84	
President's Traveling Expenses	10.50	
Chicago Seminary	30.00	
General Council Home Missions	23.77	
General Council Foreign Missions	17.00	
Church Extension	5.00	
Orphans', Vasa and Minneapolis	9.17	
Trinity Congregation, St. Paul	6.20	
American Bible Society	3.50	
		$123.98
St. Mark's, Fargo, N. Dak.:		
Synodical Treasury	$12.21	
Chicago Seminary	8.84	
General Council Home Missions	12.15	
General Council Foreign Missions	7.50	
Church Extension	18.36	
		$59.06

Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash.:		
Synodical Treasury	$6.45	
Chicago Seminary	4.02	
General Council Home Missions	8.83	
General Council Foreign Missions	2.90	
Church Extension	10.91	
		$33.11
St. John's, Tacoma, Wash.:		
Synodical Treasury	$4.26	
Chicago Seminary	6.44	
General Council Home Missions	7.00	
General Council Foreign Missions	2.30	
Church Extension	10.00	
		$30.00
Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah.:		
Synodical Treasury	$2.00	
General Council Home Missions	8.50	
General Council Foreign Missions	2.55	
Church Extension	7.00	
		$20.05
St. John's, Duluth, Minn.:		
Synodical Treasury	$15.59	
General Council Home Missions	19.10	
Church Extension	10.00	
		$44.69
Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.:		
Synodical Treasury	$9.08	
General Council Foreign Missions	2.00	
Church Extension	7.00	
		$18.08
St. James, St. Paul, Minn.:		
Synodical Treasury	$10.00	
		$10.00
St. Lukes, Goodhue, Minn.:		
Synodical Treasury	$10.00	
		$10.00

Synodical Delegates Expenses, 1897	$24.72
Balance in Treasury, 1897	38.25
	$654.29

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. SMITH, Treasurer.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 16, 1898.

Referred to the auditing committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President appointed Rev. H. K. Gebhart, Mr. J. A. Bohn and Mr. H. R. Clough, tellers to conduct the election. The tellers reported the following officers elected:

President—REV. WILLIAM K. FRICK.
Secretary—REV. WM. H. ZUBER.
Treasurer—MR. CHARLES A. SMITH.

WELCOME TO VISITING BRETHREN.

At this and subsequent sessions, the President welcomed to a seat in the convention the following brethren:

Rev. C. J. Petri, of Minneapolis, Minn.
Rev. J. O. Cavallin, of Minneapolis, Minn.
Rev. Prof. J. A. Sanders, of St. Peter, Minn.
Rev. J. Telleen, Superintendent of Foreign Missions.
Mr. C. K. Lippard, of the Chicago Seminary, and Missionary at Racine, Wis.

After a recess of twenty minutes, Synod heard the

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIUM.

On the report of the Examining Committee, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., having submitted a letter of honorable dismissal from the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, is recommended to be received into this Synod. Also that Messrs. Ernest A. Trabert, Merrell E. Boulton

and Wm. Frederick Holl, graduates of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Chicago, are recommended to Synod for ordination.

THE SECRETARY.

The report was adopted, and the Chairman of the Examining Committee conducted the new members to the altar, where they were welcomed by the President. Ordination to take place this evening.

The President announced the following

REGULAR COMMITTEES:

1. *President's Report*—Dr. J. F. Ohl, Rev. S. W. Kuhns, and Mr. H. O. H. Munson.

2. *Auditing*—Mr. J. F. Swanson and Mr. H. R. Clough.

3. *Statistics and Parochial Reports*—Rev. F. E. Jensen and Mr. E. H. Boxrud.

4. *Apportionment*—Mr. C. A. Smith and Rev. J. F. Beates.

5. *Excuses*—Rev. H. K. Gebhart.

6. *Traveling Expenses*—Rev. J. A. Leas and Mr. S. I. Garlough.

7. *Examination of Protocol*—Rev. H. K. Gebhart and Mr. Peter Otto.

8. *Reporting for the Press*—Dr. G. H. Trabert.

Rev. J. F. Beates, on behalf of the brethren in the Western portion of our territory, submitted a constitution for a Western Conference.

It was resolved that it be referred to a special committee.

Committee—Dr. G. H. Trabert, Rev. J. A. Leas and Mr. J. A. Bohn.

Adjourned, with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

Second Session.

THURSDAY, June 16, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Dr. G. H. Trabert. The roll was called and the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Report on the communication from Memorial Church, St. Paul, and its pastor, was read. But action on it was deferred until the pastor and a representative of Memorial Congregation could be present.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee on behalf of the Synod has established missions at Racine and La Crosse, Wis., and Sherman Co., Oregon, and called students, C. K. Lippard, E. A. Trabert and Wm. F. Holl to take charge of these points respectively, and requests Synod to ratify this action.

We would suggest that Mr. Wm. F. Holl be appointed to call the Sunday School Convention to order on Saturday morning.

That an additional committee be appointed to carry out the program of the Sunday School Convention.

THE SECRETARY.

The report was adopted, and the following committee appointed: E. A. Trabert, M. E. Boulton and C. A. Sneider.

Resolved, That the pastors and lay-delegates of Synod be members of the Sunday School Convention.

Resolved, That the clerical members of this body be requested to sign the constitution of the Synod at this meeting, and that action on this resolution be taken on Saturday morning immediately after the reading of the minutes. (For action see Monday evening session.)

Resolved, That the matter of creating a traveling expense fund, be referred to the Committee on Traveling Expense. (See Minutes of '95, p. 53, item 3.)

The pastor and delegate of Memorial Congregation being present, the Report was considered pertaining to the communication from

MEMORIAL CHURCH.

The Committee on the Report of the President begs leave to report as follows on so much of it as relates to Memorial Church, St. Paul, and its pastor.

The Committee had placed in its hands the following paper:

Copy of the action taken by the Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church Council, at its regular meeting, held Tuesday, March 15, 1898:

WHEREAS, The following letter of dismissal has been duly presented to the Church Council of Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Paul, viz:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That, according to the Church Records, Mr. Carl Herman Stockenstrom was born in Husby, St. Kopparberg's lan, Sweden, on the 13th day of March, 1853; arrived in America from Rattviks Congregation, 1874; arrived at this place from Moline, Ill., 1877; became a member of this church April 14th, 1878. He has been married since August 2d, 1881; has been a member of the First Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Paul, Minn. He is hereby recommended to the affectionate care and fellowship of the Lutheran Church of his own choice.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord, 1898, at St. Paul, Minn.

(Signed) L. A. JOHNSTON,
Pastor.

Resolved, That we receive Mr. Carl Herman Stockenstrom into membership with this congregation.

The resolution was carried unanimously by a full Council.

It was further moved and unanimously carried, that the Pastor be appointed to forward a copy of this our action to the Synod of the Northwest through its Secretary and request the Synod, in view of this action and the satisfactory settlement of the difficulty between the First Swedish and the Memorial English Congregation, to remove the discipline

now resting upon the Pastor and Congregation of the Memorial English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ALEX. J. D. HAUPT, Pastor.

GEORGE W. MERRILL, Secretary.

This document was accompanied by the following letter:

175 IGLEHART STREET, ST. PAUL, MINN.
March 15th, 1898.

PASTOR W. H. ZUBER, Secretary of the Synod of the Northwest:

Dear Sir:—It gives me pleasure to be able to enclose to you a copy of the action taken by the Council of the Memorial Church in regard to the matter of our discipline. Trusting that it will meet with favorable action at the hands of Synod, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

ALEX. J. D. HAUPT, Pastor.

As it appears to the Committee that the difficulties which led to the suspension of the Rev. Alex. J. D. Haupt and Memorial congregation have been satisfactorily adjusted, your committee recommends that the suspension be removed, and both be restored to fellowship in this Synod.

J. F. OHL,
S. W. KUHNS,
H. O. H. MUNSON.

The report was adopted, and the Secretary ordered to call the names of the pastor and delegate of the Memorial parish.

Resolved, That St. Mark's, North St. Paul, be restored to the Roll of Congregations.

Adjourned, with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

Third Session.

FRIDAY, June 17, 9 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by Rev. M. E. Boulton.

The roll was called and the Minutes of the Second Session were read and approved.

Resolved, That the consideration of the West Coast Conference be made the special order immediately after the reading of the Minutes on Monday morning.

The regular order of the program was the reading of a Paper on Church Architecture by Rev. H. K. Gebhart.

Discussion followed, engaged in by various members of Synod.

Adjourned, lead in prayer by Rev. J. Telleen.

Fourth Session.

SATURDAY, June 18, 9 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by Rev. W. F. Holl.

The roll was called and the Minutes of the Third Session were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Committee on the President's Report beg leave to offer the following recommendations for consideration by Synod:

1. That the missionaries of this Synod be under the pastoral oversight of the President.

2. That the Executive Committee be charged with the looking up and exploration of new mission fields.

3. That all missions undertaken by Synod be required to adopt constitutions in harmony with the one recommended for congregations by the General Council, submit these to the Synod for approval, and that they make no changes in such constitutions without bringing the same to the knowledge of the Synod.

4. That until Conferences are formed all such mission congregations be under the immediate care of the Executive Committee.

5. That all such missions be required to furnish com-

plete quarterly reports of all operations to the Executive Committee.

6. That all mission congregations be required to use the books of worship and the Sunday School literature of the General Council.

7. That the Rev. H. K. Gebhart be appointed traveling missionary for North Dakota; the Rev. Geo. H. Trabert, D. D., for Minnesota; and the Rev. Jas. F. Beates for the Pacific coast; said missionaries to co-operate with and report to the Executive Committee, and their traveling expenses to be paid out of the Synodical Treasury.

8. The English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest in annual convention assembled in the city of Minneapolis, Minn., June 15th to 20th, 1898, resolves as follows, which resolutions to be forwarded to His Excellency, Hon. William McKinley, President of the United States:

WHEREAS, the Republic of the United States is now engaged in war with the monarchy of Spain, which war was not precipitated by any sordid desire of conquest, but is the outgrowth of the misrule of Spain in Cuba and the sad condition of the people of that island, which condition was not ameliorated, but rather grew worse in spite of the persistent efforts of our Chief Magistrate by diplomacy to bring about a betterment. And

WHEREAS, it is the sacred duty of a christian people to stand up for human liberty, and for the sacred rights and great principles upon which human liberties rest, which is the object of the war now engaged in, therefore,

Resolved, That we, citizens of these United States, and members of one of the largest denominations in this country, as sincere lovers of humanity, and defenders of liberty and justice, express our unqualified confidence in the Chief Magistrate of these United States in his integrity and uprightness of purpose, and in his wisdom under God to guide the affairs of this nation in the present crisis.

Resolved, That we unceasingly pray that God's blessing may rest upon the Executive, the Army and Navy of this great Republic, that God may give wisdom and guidance to our President and speedy victory to the cause of righteousness and justice, that the result may be the extension of liberty and a blessing to humanity, and the promotion of the honor and glory of God.

J. F. OHL,
S. W. KUHNS,
H. O. H. MUNSON.

The report was adopted and the following action taken by Synod:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have these resolutions engrossed, the Seal of Synod attached and transmit the same to Senator Knute Nelson, requesting him to present them in person to President McKinley.

THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to the Pastor and members of St. John's congregation for their hospitable entertainment of Synod, and that the President be authorized to announce the same at the Sunday morning service.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Fifth Session.

MONDAY, June 20, 9 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by Rev. F. E. Jensen. The roll was called and the Minutes of the Fourth Session were read and approved.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That the clerical and lay delegates from the

congregations embracing that district of the Synod of the Northwest, extending from La Crosse to Fargo inclusive, constitute a Central Conference Committee for each year, to arrange for such meetings, discussions and exercises, as in their judgment may seem advisable.

Resolved, That the President appoint some member to call the Central Conference Committee at the close of this session.

Rev. J. A. Leas was appointed.

REPORT ON WEST COAST CONFERENCE.

Your committee appointed to examine the constitution for the proposed Pacific Conference, respectfully submit the following:

The main features of the constitution are excellent in themselves, but are rather that for a Synod than for a Conference of a Synod. We would call attention to several Articles and let Synod as a body decide upon them.

Articles III and IV are plainly in conflict with the constitution of Synod inasmuch as they admit ministers and parishes to the Conference who are not members of this body.

Article V, Section 4, is synodical in character, although it may be admissable under the peculiar circumstances, the remoteness of the Conference from the main body of the Synod.

Article VI, Section 4, with respect to a quorum, seems to make the number too small under existing circumstances.

Article IX is decidedly synodical in character. Article X, Section 4, is synodical, and would prevent the installation of a pastor called from another part of the Synod until formally received into the Conference. Section 5 is synodical. Can a Conference President dismiss a minister to a Synod? Can the President of Synod dismiss a minister to another Synod who is not a member of this body, though a member of the Conference?

Article XII. No appeal to the Synod is provided for by a minister, congregation or layman under discipline.

In Article XIII, on amendments, a provision should be added, that the Synod approve such amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. TRABERT,
J. A. BOHN,
J. A. LEAS.

After discussing the report, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the report of the committee be adopted with the recommendation that the brethren of the Pacific Coast Conference formulate a constitution in harmony with the constitution of Synod.

DOCTRINAL DISCUSSION.

The doctrinal discussion on Article I, of the Augsburg Confession, was opened with a Paper by Rev. J. F. Beates. The subject was discussed at length by various members of Synod.

Adjourned, with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

Sixth Session.

MONDAY, June 20, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. F. Beates. The roll was called, and the Minutes of the Fifth Session were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL.

Your committee reports as follows:

We have examined the Protocol, of which the proceed-

ings of the first two annual conventions are recorded, and find the work neatly and accurately done.

H. K. GEBHART,
PETER OTTO.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find the same correct.

J. F. SWANSON,
H. R. CLOUGH.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING EXPENSES.

Your committee respectfully reports as follows:

Total Traveling Expenses.....$89.00

It is recommended that for the purpose of equalizing this expense, the following congregations pay into the Synod's Traveling Expense Fund, (see Min. '95, p. 53.) the sums below named:

St. Paul's, Red Wing	$9.13
St. Luke's, Goodhue	61
Trinity, St. Paul	6.33
St. James, St. Paul	5.89
Salem, Minneapolis	8.01
Memorial, St. Paul	15.59

And that the following congregations be paid by the Treasurer of Synod, from the Traveling Expense Fund, the sums here named:

Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee	$6.63
St. John's, Duluth	4.77
St. Mark's, Fargo	5.67
Holy Trinity, Seattle	19.55
Dr. J. F. Ohl	5.71

We recommend that the arrearage to Rev. A. C. Anda, amounting to $35.00, be paid by Synod at once.

We recommend, further, that the West Coast Conference be allowed annually $50.00, or such portion of it as may be

required to defray the expenses of the delegate to Synod, said amount to be paid out of the Traveling Expense Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LEAS,
S. I. GARLOUGH.

The report was received and adopted after an itemized consideration.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

Your committee begs leave to present the following as the apportionment for the ensuing year:

Synodical General Expenses	$120.00
President and Traveling Missionaries	100.00
Chicago Theological Seminary	150.00
General Council Home Missions	200.00
General Council Foreign Missions	100.00
General Council Church Extension	100.00
	$770.00

We recommend the following apportionments to the respective congregations:

Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee	$103.50
St. John's, Minneapolis	128.50
St. Paul's, Red Wing	128.50
Salem, Minneapolis	78.50
St. Mark's, Fargo	58.50
St. John's, Duluth	53.50
Memorial, St. Paul	53.50
St. John's, Tacoma	33.50
Holy Trinity, Seattle	33.50
Trinity, St. Paul	28.50
Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City	23.50
St. James, St. Paul	13.50
St. Luke's, Goodhue	13.50
Zion, The Dalles	13.50
St. Mark's, North St. Paul	8.50
	$772.50

Your committee, while realizing the advantages of a pro rata division of the apportionment for the various sums asked for by the Synod, yet we believe the practical application of the principle to be at present inadvisable. We would, however, recommend and urge the several congregations to divide their offerings for the apportionment in proportion to the amounts asked for.

We recommend that the $100 apportioned for the President and Traveling Missionary expense fund, be divided equally between the President and three traveling missionaries as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. F. BEATES,
C. A. SMITH.

The report was adopted with its recommendations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES.

Your committee reports the absence of the following members of Synod:

Revs. A. C. Anda, of Tacoma; A. C. Sweinsberg, of Salt Lake City; L. Grey, of The Dalles; all of whom are absent on account of the distance of their fields of labor, and Rev. R. L. Leatherman, now of Williamsburg, Pa., who sends greetings to Synod, wishing the blessing of God upon Synod's deliberations, also stating his inability to be present. We recommend that they be excused.

The following lay-delegates were excused:

E. H. Boxrud, of Goodhue, after Friday evening; C. A. Sneider, of Fargo, after Saturday afternoon; H. O. H. Munson, of Duluth, after Monday forenoon.

Dr. J. F. Ohl and Rev. J. A. Leas were excused from further attendance after this session.

H. K. GEBHART.

The report was adopted.

Adjourned to meet in Synodical Session at 8 P. M.

Seventh Session.

MONDAY, June 20, 8 P. M.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. S. W. Kuhns.

Inasmuch as the constitution is not in proper form to be signed, it was resolved that the consideration of the Resolution, requesting the members of Synod to sign at this meeting, be postponed until the next annual meeting; and that the Secretary be requested to have the constitution in proper form. (See Second Session.)

CONSTITUTION.

Resolved, That a committee of three Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed to draft a constitution for congregations, based on the constitution recommended by the General Council, and report at the next annual meeting.

Resolved, That the discussion of the proposed constitution for congregations, take the place of the doctrinal discussion at our next meeting, and that the committee place a draft of said constitution into the hands of every pastor of the Synod, at least two months before the meeting of Synod.

Committee—Dr. G. H. Trabert, Rev. W. K. Frick, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Judge A. Holt and Mr. Peter Otto.

REPORT OF ARCHIVARIUS.

Sets of Synodical Minutes, and a few of the letters of last year's so-called Budget, have been added to the archives. Care should be taken to deposit with the Archivarius a copy of all printed matter bearing on the history of our churches. We are making history as interesting to our posterity as the Halle Reports are to us.

W. K. FRICK.

The report was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Rev. W. K. Frick was re-appointed Archivarius.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Pastors		18
Congregations		15
Churches and Chapels—(brick, 4; frame, 10)		14
Parsonages		5
Value of Church Property		$114,400.00
Debt on Church Property		64,862.00
Communicants (gain 427)		1592
Communed during the year		1061
Baptized membership (gain 585)		2732
Infants baptized		142
Additions—Adult Baptism	9	
Confirmation	162	
Letter	68	
Profession	64	
		303
Losses—Deaths	10	
Removal	180	
		190
Net gain		113
Sunday Schools		15
Teachers and officers		148
Pupils (gain 325)		1599
Average attendance (gain 240)		1078
Benevolence—		
Synodical Treasury		$145.81
Education (increase $131.94)		193.55
Home Missions and Church Extension		305.55
Foreign Missions (increase $17.04)		77.37
Other charitable work (increase $143.21)		175.87
Congregational expenses		20,695.10

For particulars see Parochial Reports.

F. E. JENSEN.

The report was received and the following action was taken:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the Parochial Blanks and report at the next meeting of Synod.

Committee: Revs. F. E. Jensen and J. F. Beates.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Abstract of the General Council Proceedings, 1897.

The Twenty-Sixth Convention was held in St. John's German Church, Erie, Pa., October 14-20, 1897. It was remarkable for the unanimity of sentiment and the importance of the measures resolved upon.

I. Official visitors were present from the General Synod, the United Norwegian Church, and the United Danish Church.

II. "The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Minnesota and the Northwest Territories," organized July 22, 1897, by congregations of the Canada Synod, was received. Thus augmented, the Council embraces 9 Synods, with 1176 ministers, 2003 congregations, and 339,876 communicants.

III. The "Fundamental Principles of Faith" of the General Council formed the basis of the doctrinal discussion.

IV. The Board of Foreign Missions reported faithful and efficient work in the field in India, and the raising of $33,000 in America in the past two years.

Resolved 1. That in view of the demands of the Foreign Mission Work in India, the General Council determine to raise $50,000 a year for the next two years.

2. That the District Synods be solemnly urged by the General Council to impress upon their pastors the absolute necessity of such a voluntary offering for this cause, as will in the aggregate make up this amount, and that the Presidents of the Synods be instructed to lay this matter before their respective Synods.

3. That in the estimation of the General Council, the Foreign Mis-

sion Board should require that the entire time of one or more persons be devoted to further the interests of this cause among the congregations.

V. The Committee on Sunday School Work reported the eminent success of the Scripture Lesson Quarterlies and was instructed to complete the (seven year) series of text books at the rate of a volume a year. "Bible Story" is the first grade. A German sub-committee was elected to reproduce in German the work of the English committee.

Resolved, That the Committee be authorized to confer with similar Committees of other Lutheran Bodies which may be desirous of substituting a series of Lutheran Lessons for other systems, if deemed advisable, and that the results of such conferences, if any, be reported at the next meeting of the General Council for action by this body.

VI. The Board of Publication reported the most eventful biennium in its history. Mr. C. B. Opp was appointed Business Manager. 17,000 Church Books (English), 13,000 in German, 9,800 Sunday School Books in English, and 13,000 in German were printed. This, and the issuing of the new lesson literature, have built up an extensive business, amounting to $33,200. The gains were $9,576, of which $5,000 were transferred to the Home and Foreign Mission treasuries.

VII. *The Lutheran, The Workman* and *The Lutheran Church Messenger* were consolidated under the name, *The Lutheran,* which the General Council now issues as a $2.00 weekly paper. It is edited by Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., LL. D., as Editor-in-Chief; and Rev. Geo. W. Sandt as Managing Editor, under whom it has taken first rank in the church. The business management was placed in the hands of the Board of Publication. As a weekly messenger of good tidings, and as a missionary agency of the most efficient character, *The Lutheran* should be in every English household in the General Council. A committee was appointed to secure *Der Lutherische Herold* as the German organ of the General Council.

VIII. The forcible and timely words on Christian Edu-

cation, spoken by President Moldehnke, in the President's Report, received the full and hearty endorsement of the General Council.

IX. An elaborate report on the Deaconess Work in the United States was spread on the Minutes.

X. Concerning Jewish Mission Work it was resolved:

I. That the General Council recognizes the fact that the time has come to do earnest evangelistic work among the Israelites of our land.

II. That the General Council recognizes the good work done by the Jewish Mission in Chicago, and recommends that the different Synods urge their pastors to preach on this important subject in all their churches, commend it to the prayers of their people, and take up offerings for the Chicago Mission.

XI. The Committee on Conference with the General Synod and other Bodies, reported that a conference had been held at Washington, April, 1896, at which the additional provisions proposed by the General Council (Min. 1895, pp. 16-18) were approved. The General Synod and, quite recently, the United Synod of the South, have adopted these provisions. They provide:

(*a.*) That, where any General Body have congregations, whatever be the language, the establishment of a congregation of another General Body within the territory be not undertaken, unless the Board of Missions of the Body occupying the territory, and the officers of the Synod in the field, be first consulted.

(*b.*) That a Committee of Arbitration, representing the Bodies that enter into the compact, be constituted, who shall consider all cases where agreement have not been otherwise obtained, and whose decision shall be final. The committee is fixed at not more than three members of each General Body, and in this committee each General Body shall have one vote, the decision to be published as soon as adopted.

XII. The proposition for holding a General Conference, unanimously approved by the Joint Committee, and later by

the General Synod, but practical difficulties made it impossible. The Committee was continued and a Committee of Laymen was appointed to provide funds.

XIII. Regarding the matter of a Common Book of Worship, etc,, the General Council

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee be appointed to confer and co-operate with committees from any other Lutheran Bodies in the preparation of a Common Book of Worship, including, besides the Common Order of Service, Orders for Ministerial Acts and a Book of Hymns in the English Language.

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee be instructed to resume the revision of the translation of the Catechism in conjunction with the Joint Committee on that subject.

XIV. The Church Extension Society reported its assets at $31,700.90. It received in 1895 and 1896 nearly $9,000. It is aiding 19 churches. Without its aid this Synod could not exist.

Resolved, That the General Council request the District Synods to bring the subject of Church Extension before the Synod at the public services.

XV. The Home Mission Work of the General Council in all languages reaches 354 missions, of which the English Board supervises 22. The centralization of all the English work in the Council's Board is disapproved by two of the largest Synods. A distressing deficit cripples the mission work and prevents the assumption of new work. But for the co-operation of the Mission Societies, Sunday Schools, and other organizations, the work could not have been carried on. Such schools and societies as have failed to co-operate are urged to "lend a hand." Of the $20,000 needed each year the sum of $500 was apportioned to the Synod of the Northwest, with the request to reapportion it to the several congregations and urge its complete and speedy payment. The Sunday nearest Reformation Day is set as the day for special offerings for English Home Missions by Sunday Schools and congregations. Our request for repre-

sentation on the Board was met by the election of Mr. Julius A. Bohn.

XVI. A petition with reference to English work, especially among the colored Lutherans in the Danish West Indies, was met by ordering correspondence with the Danish authorities and the English speaking Lutherans on the Islands.

XVII. An annual Organists' Convocation was provided for, a step of the highest significance and importance.

XVIII. Thesis on the relation of the General Council to the Luther League will be discussed at the next convention.

W. K. FRICK,
C. A. SMITH.

GREETINGS.

In view of the fact that Rev. Alfred Ramsey is the official visitor of the General Council to the Icelandic Synod:

Resolved, That he also be authorized to bear the fraternal greetings of this body to said Synod at Winnipeg, Man.

THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to the Luther League of St. John's for the generous reception tendered to Synod last Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. Holmberg.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The following is the unfinished business in the Minutes of 1897:

Page 23: Have the committee's published the papers in *The Lutheran,* as requested by Synod at the last meeting?

The committee of the West Coast prepared the paper, which has appeared in *The Lutheran.* But the committee for Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota have not.

Resolved, That the committee, consisting of Dr. J. F.

Ohl, Rev. A. Ramsey and Rev. H. K. Gebhart, be reappointed; to prepare an article, setting forth the needs of English work in the Northwest, for publication in *The Lutheran.*

Page 24: Has the paper on "Minnesota Laws Relating to Church Property; Marriage and Divorce," been deposited in the Archives of Synod? No. The Secretary is requested to trace it and forward to the Archivarius.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of Synod include the Sunday School Convention.

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Luther League and Sunday School Conventions be printed in the Synodical Minutes.

Resolved, That 750 copies of the Minutes be printed, and that 100 copies be deposited in the Archives of Synod.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Mr. H. R. Clough, on behalf of the Church of the Redeemer, extended an invitation to Synod, to hold the next annual convention in Milwaukee, Wis.

The invitation was accepted. [The time is June 7, 1899.]

The President announced the

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive Committee—The Officers of Synod, *ex-officio.*

Examining Committee—Dr. J. F. Ohl, Rev. S. W. Kuhns and Rev. Alfred Ramsey.

Archivarius—Rev. W. K. Frick.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no other business, the Minutes of the pres-

ent session, and the Minutes of the Ministerial Session, were read and approved.

Synod adjourned. The President closed the Eighth Convention of the English Synod of the Northwest according to Liturgical Form.

WM. H. ZUBER, Secretary.

W. K. FRICK, President.

Session of the Ministerium.

THURSDAY, June 16, 11 A. M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President and opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Leas.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The following brethren ask to be received as members of this Synod:

The Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., who brings a transfer from the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, is recommended for reception.

Messrs. Ernest A. Trabert, Merrill E. Boulton and Wm. Frederick Holl, graduates of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Chicago, and regularly called to fields of labor in the territory of this Synod are, after a satisfactory conference with them, recommended for ordination.

J. F. OHL,
S. W. KUHNS,
A. RAMSEY.

The report was adopted with the recommendations.

The Ministerium adjourned with prayer by the President.

WM. H. ZUBER, Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS, WHITSUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1897, TO WHITSUNDAY, MAY 29, 1898.

Index No.	Churches and Location.	Organized.	Communicant Membership.	Baptized Membership	No. Communed	Accessions.						Losses.			Sunday Schools.			
						Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized.	Confirmed.	By Letter.	On Confession.	Children Received	Death of Members	Removed.	Excluded.	Number.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.
1	St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn., 17th St. and Chicago Ave.	1883	291	372	199	14	4	23	10	8	12	1	5		1	16	202	138
2	Salem, Minneapolis, Minn., 28th St. and Garfield Ave.	1889	99	150		4		24	9	7		2	4	15	1	12	125	80
3	Memorial, St. Paul, Minn., Exchange and W. 6th St.	1883	288	411	214	22	3	14	2	6	12	2	26		1		175	115
4	Trinity, St. Paul, Minn., Robie and Ada Sts.	1886	57	198	36	11		3		3			5		1	18	138	71
5	St. James, St. Paul Minn., Marshall Ave. and Grotto St.	1895	46	100	45	3		10	15	11		1			1	11	81	68
6	St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn., West Ave., near 4th St.	1886	241	309	140	11	1	37	4	14	4		1	30	1	16	190	130
7	St. John's, Duluth, Minn., 3d St. and Lake Ave.	1890	82	202	65	14	1	11	7				13	38	1	12	80	60
8	Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., 16th St., between Grand Ave. and Wells St.	1890	218	437	168	11		14	18		15	1	3	17	1	16	184	115
9	St. Mark's, Fargo, N. Dak., 4th Ave and 8th St.	1891	104	158	55	21		10		3		1		6	1	12	158	93
10	Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah, South 4th East St.	1892	24	53	22	5			2				2	3	1	5	18	13
11	Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash., Union and 7th Sts.	1890	35	102	37	3		1	1	3			2	5	1	8	63	54
12	St. John's, Tacoma, Wash., 5th and I Sts.	1891	35	70	34	8				5	2	1			1	5	32	30
13	St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn.	1897	28	50	13	1				2	4		1		1	4	35	30
14	Zion, The Dalles, Ore. 7th & Union Sts.	1897	33	90	33	10		15		2		1	4		1	7	60	45
15	St. Mark's, N. St. Paul, Minn.	1890	11	30		4									1	6	58	36

PAROCHIAL REPORTS—Concluded.

Index No.	Apportioned, 1897.	Contributions. Paid on Apportionment.	Synodical Treasury.	Education.	Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Foreign Missions.	Other Charities.	Local Expenses.	Total.	Name and Address of Pastor.
1	$110.00	$59 03			$22.16	$36.87		$22.12	$7551.99	$7633.14	Alfred Ramsey, Minneapolis, Minn. 1910 Columbus Ave.
2	75.00	67 01	25.50	10.00		20.89	10.62		1183.15	1250.16	G. H. Trabert, D. D. Minneapolis, Minn. 2545 Harriet Ave.
3					20.00			14 35	1970.47	2004.82	A. J. D. Haupt, St. Paul, Minn. 175 Iglehart St.
4	25.00	18.08	9.08			7.00	2.00		334.96	343.04	W. H. Zuber, St. Paul, Minn. 246 E. Congress St.
5	10.00	10 00	10.00						1174.02	1184.02	Frank E. Jensen, St. Paul. Minn. 745 Marshall Ave.
6	100.00	105.11	33.84	58.00	23.77	5.00	17.00	23.88	1932 47	2113.96	J. A. Leas, Red Wing, Minn. 453 6th St.
7	50.00	44.69	23.86		19.10	10.00		3.00	1285 79	1341.75	S. W. Kuhns, Duluth, Minn. 312 Lake Ave., N.
8	100.00	100.81	16.11	103.64	24.00	30.70	30.00	79.02	1739.79	2023.26	W. K. Frick, Milwaukee, Wis. 2305 Cedar St.
9	55.00	59.06	12 21	8.84	12.15	18.36	7.50		992.61	1051.67	H. K. Gebhart, Fargo, N. Dak. 319 N. Eighth St.
10	25.00	20.05	2.00		16.42		2.55	16.00	245.04	282.01	A. C. Sweinsberg, Salt Lake City, Utah. 336 S. Fourth East St.
11	30.00	33.11	6.45	4.13	8.72	10.91	2.90	5.00	1556.91	1595.02	J. F. Beates, Seattle, Wash. 610 Pike St.
12	30.00	30.00	4.26	6.44	7.00	10.00	2.30	12.50	323.89	366.39	A. C. Anda, Tacoma, Wash. 615 South K St.
13	10.00	10.00	2.50	2.50	2.50		2.50		275.00	285.00	M. E. Boulton, Goodhue, Minn.
14											L. Grey, The Dalles, Oregon.
15									129.01	129.01	A. J. D. Haupt, Pastoral Oversight.
											J. F. Ohl, Mus. D., Milwaukee, Wis. 2222 Cedar St.
											E. A. Trabert, La Crosse, Wis.
											W. F. Holl, Sherman Co., Oregon.
											R. L. Leatherman, Williamsburg, Pa.

Religious Services.

Wednesday Evening: OPENING SERVICE.

Synodical Sermon by the President, Rev. W. K. Frick, on I Cor. xi: 28.

Thursday Evening: ORDINATION OF M. E. Boulton, W. F. Holl and E. A. Trabert.

Ordination Sermon by Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Minneapolis, Minn.

Friday Evening: LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION. (See Minutes.)

Sunday Morning: DIVINE SERVICE.

Altar Service conducted by Rev. W. F. Holl.

Sermon, "The Churchs' Mission of Mercy," by Dr. J. F. Ohl, Rector of Milwaukee Hospital & Deaconess Motherhouse.

Sunday Noon: CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

Addresses by Visiting Brethren.

Sunday Evening: Addresses by Rev. S. W. Kuhns, Duluth, Minn., on Home Missions; Rev. J. Telleen, Superintendent of Foreign Missions, on "Foreign Missions."

Luther League Convention.

FRIDAY, June 17, 2:15 P. M.

The opening service of the Third Annual Luther League Convention was conducted by Mr. C. K. Lippard, of Chicago Seminary.

The roll, called by parishes, was made out as follows:

St. John's, Minneapolis—Dr. Frank E. Moody, Christina Benson, Cornelia Croonquist, Mabel Nelson and Prof. O. W. Oestlund.

Salem, Minneapolis — James Wells, Nannie Smith, Lydia Lagerstrom, Ruth Trabert and Rev. Ernest A. Trabert.

Trinity, St. Paul—Gertie Smith, Annie Warsick, Louis Sulwold, Louis Glosser and Rev. Wm. H. Zuber.

St. James, St. Paul—Robert Otto and Rev. F. E. Jensen.

St. Paul's, Red Wing—Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Leas, Hannah Pfeiffer, Fred Swanson, Maggie Bye and Mr. Corlice Sykes.

St. John's, Duluth—H. O. H. Munson, Rev. S. W. Kuhns.

Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee—Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Frick.

St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D.—Rev. and Mrs. H. K. Gebhart, Edyth Blom, Ida Garmann and Anna Severson.

Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash.—Rev. J. F. Beates.

Memorial, St. Paul—Rev. Alex. J. D. Haupt.

No delegates responded to Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah; St. John's, Tacoma, Wash; Zion, The Dalles, Ore. No League at Goodhue as yet.

Members of Synod were considered members of the Convention by vote. Prof. E. G. Lund, of the United Church Seminary; and Mr. C. K. Lippard, of Chicago Seminary, were welcomed to a seat in the Convention.

The treasurer's report showed the sum of one (1) dollar in the treasury, that sum having been received at the Fargo Convention.

The President, Vice Presidents and Secretary were unanimously re-elected. Mr. C. G. A. Werner was elected Treasurer.

On motion, and after a lively discussion, it was

Resolved, That when this League Convention adjourn, it adjourn *sine die,* owing to the fact that the District Leagues now being organized can carry on the work more effectively than the Synodical League. Further

Resolved, That the treasury funds of the League Convention be turned over to the Synodical treasury.

The following papers were read and discussed:

Junior Work—Rev. F. E. Jensen.

Luther League Literature—Prof. O. W. Oestlund.

The Ideal Luther League—Robert Otto.

The afternoon session closed with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, June 17, 8 P. M.

The Vesper Service was conducted by Rev. Ernest A. Trabert.

"The Threefold Sphere of League Life" was treated under three heads:

1. "The Devotional Aspect," by Mrs. H. K. Gebhart.
2. "The Literary Sphere," by Miss Hannah Pfeiffer.

Vocal Solo—"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," by Esther Osborne.

3. "The Social Side," by Mr. H. O. H. Munson.

Hymn—"Onward, Christian Soldiers."

After reading of Minutes the Convention adjourned with the Benediction by Rev. S. W. Kuhns.

LYDIA T. LAGERSTROM, Secretary.

Sunday School Convention.

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

SATURDAY, June 18, 10:45 A. M.

Rev. Wm. F. Holl conducted the devotional service, making use of hymn 146 in the Parish Hymnal, "Beautiful Savior! King of Creation!" The Convention was called to order by Rev. F. E. Jensen, President.

The roll, called by parishes, showed delegates present as follows:

St. John's, Minneapolis—Mr. O. W. Christenson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hanbert, the Misses Christina Benson and Martha Wold.

Salem, Minneapolis—Messrs. G. F. Bergstadi and Thomas Selnan, the Misses Louise Paulson and Lydia Lagerstrom and Mrs. G. H. Trabert.

Trinity, St. Paul—Miss Alma Forester, the Mesdames E. J. Garlough, A. T. Merkley and E. Sneider.

St. James. St. Paul—Rev. F. E. Jensen.

St. Paul's, Red Wing—Mrs. A. B. Anderson, the Misses Hannah Hawkins and Hannah Pfeiffer.

St. John's, Duluth—Miss Theodore Alexander and Rev. S. W. Kuhns.

Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee—Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Frick.

St. Mark's, Fargo—The Misses Anna Severson, Ida Garmann and Edyth Blom, Rev. and Mrs. H. K. Gebhart.

Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash.—Rev. J. F. Beates.

St. Luke's, Goodhue—Rev. M. E. Boulton.

Memorial, St. Paul—Rev. Alex. J. D. Haupt.

No delegates from Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah; St. John's, Tacoma, Wash.; and Zion, The Dalles.

Members of Synod were considered members of the Convention. Luther League delegates and visitors, including Rev. J. Telleen, Mr. J. A. Bohn, Ansgar Lagerstrom, Mrs.

J. P. Uhler, and Gussie and Ida Weber, were welcomed to a seat in the Convention.

The officers of last year were unanimously re-elected.

Dr. H. Trabert opened the discussion on "The Essentials of Success of a Sunday School," and was followed by Miss Alexander, Mr. J. A. Bohn, Rev. J. Telleen, Rev. W. K. Frick, Dr. J. F. Ohl, Rev. J. F. Beates, Mrs. G. H. Trabert and Rev. S. W. Kuhns. On motion it was

Resolved, That the second paper of the morning be held over until the Afternoon Session.

Adjourned with use of the Lord's Prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Afternoon Session opened promptly at 2 o'clock with the use of hymn 9 in Parish Hymnal, "Now thank we all our God," and the reading of Psalm xxiii by the President of the Convention.

Rev. M. E. Boulton read a paper on "The Use of the Catechism in the Sunday School," which was fully discussed.

Hymn 183, "How shall the young secure their hearts."

A paper on "The Blackboard in the Sunday School," by Mr. C. L. Trabert, gave rise to a lively discussion.

Hymn 218, "Lord, thy children guide and keep."

"The Graded Sunday School," written by Mrs. Jacobson, of Milwaukee, was read by Mrs. W. K. Frick. Discussion very free.

After hymn 287, "Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus," the

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was opened by the Revs. J. F. Beates and J. A. Leas.

Hymn 32, "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing," was followed by the reading and adoption of Minutes.

The Convention adjourned with the use of the Lord's Prayer and Benediction.

LYDIA T. LAGERSTROM, Secretary.

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